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SUBJECT: MOROCCO UNLIKELY TO SUPPORT NGO INVOLVEMENT AT THE
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Classified By: POLCOUNS Craig Karp for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

1. (SBU) The Embassy delivered ref demarche on NGO accreditation to Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs Head of United Nations Division Redouane Houssaini on July 6. Houssaini told D/Polcouns that he was aware of the upcoming United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) meeting in Geneva but said that he had not heard of the two mentioned non-governmental organizations (i.e., Democracy Coalition Project and the Dynamic Christian World Foundation). He said that he was not in a position to say anything, pro or con, regarding the organizations but promised to forward our concerns to his supervisors.

2. (C) Comment: The Government of Morocco (GOM) has a history of voting with the U.S. when it can but it usually follows the Arab or Islamic consensus on these matters. The fact that Egypt and Qatar, both members of ECOSOC, have historically voted against these two NGO's could make it difficult for the GOM to support the effort at this time. We will forward any additional response or clarification received. End Comment.

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